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CARO LINEAGE

The name has been spelled, at various times in various countries, as Caro, Karo, Kara, Quaro. It derives from the Hebrew root word Kara (to read), hence the Hebrew word MIKRO which means either "Scriptures" or skill in reading from the Scriptures. The name was first applied to Tanna Rabbi Haninah Caro who lived during the third century and it has been the family name ever since.

This genealogy was compiled by Joseph H. Caro in 1961-62 from the following sources, with some simplifications to eliminate onimportant differences between various manoscripts checked:

1. Genealogy compiled by Rabbi Abraham Caro in 1845, later published by Lamm of Berlin, Germany.
2. Translation of the above by Rabbi David deSola Pool, with additional data supplied by Mrs. Leo Mielziner of New York. Manoscript in the Jewish Section of the New York Public Library.
3. Translation by Ezra Perkal in 1960 of a Hebrew page owned by Albert Caro, given by him to his son Joseph H. Caro. This translation confirmed most of the data in the earlier deSola Pool translation.
4. Genealogy compiled in 1891 by Albert Abraham Caro of Lodz, Poland. Manuscript in the library of the Hebrew Theological College at Skokie, Illinois.
5. Personal recollections by Saul Silberberg of Chicago, who lived in Lodz ontil 1920 and was related, through his mother, to Albert Abraham Caro and to Albert Caro's immediate family.
6. Universal Jewish Encyclopaedia, Standard Jewish Encyclopaedia, Graetz History of the Jews, and the Soncino translation of the Babylonian Talmud.

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TANNA RABBI HANINAH CARO
born in 2nd century

One of the great Tannaim or sages who compiled the Mishna, the collection of post-biblical precepts that form the foundation for the Talmud. He was the first to be called CARO, because of his proficiency in "mikro" (reading publicly from the Scriptures). This became the family name from his day on. He was descended from the great Tanna Rabbi Nehunia (quoted in the Shekslim, Yebamoth, Sotah and Baba Kama tractates of the Talmud), who was the son of the 1st century Tanna Rabbi Hakaneh, quoted in the Bezah tractate of the Talmud.

One of Rabbi Haninah Caro's descendants was the Gaon Rabbi Joseph Caro of the Sura Academy in Babylonia (now Iraq) whose grandson was the Gaon Rabbi Simeon Caro of France.

GAON RABBI SIMEON CARO
born in 11th century at Mons, France

He is quoted in Chapter 6 of the Hulin tractate of the Talmud. He is the author of "Yalkot Shimoni"—a collection of commentaries still used by Orthodox Rabbis as source material for sermons. He married the daughter of the famous Rabbi Gershon ben Yehudah Kalonymos, the "Light of the Exile" and the first to excommunicate Jews who practiced polygamy.

GAON RABBI JOSEPH CARO
born in 1060 at Troyes, France

Son of Rabbi Simeon Caro. He is quoted in the Tosafoth to the Arochin tractate of the Talmud; in many references in the Rosh; in the Commentaries to Proverbs V, 17 by Rashi who was his contemporary and friend at Troyes. He stodied at Worms, Germany and was floent in both French and German. He died at Troyes, France, in 1130.

RABBI JUDAH YUDEL CARO

Son of Rabbi Joseph Caro. Not moch else is known about him.

GAON RABBI JOSEPH CARO
lived in 14th century

Great-grandson of Rabbi Jodah Yudel Caro. Lived in France and Spain. He is the author of "Stain Yayin." He was one of the Rabbis who affirmed the excommunication of Jews who practiced polygamy, first forbidden by his ancestor Rabbi Gershon Kalonymos in the year 1000 (see note aboot Rabbi Kalonymos, onder Gaon Rabbi Simeon Caro above).

GAON RABBI AVIGDOR CARO
born in 14th century

Head of Rabbinical Court at Prague and a friend of King Wenceslaus IV of Bohemia. Died at Prague in 1439. His tombstone, still standing, is the oldest in the Jewish Cemetery of Prague.

GAON RABBI ISAAC CARO
born early 15th century at Toledo, Spain

Author of "Toledoth Itshak." Fled to Portugal during the Inquisition in 1492, then to Constantinople. His manuscripts are in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. Died in Constantinople in 1518.

GAON RABBI EPHRAIM CARO
born early 15th century at Toledo, Spain

Talmudist and Rabbi in Spain and in Portugal. Fled from Spain during the Inquisition in 1492.

GAON RABBI ABRAHAM CARO
born in late 15th century

Head of Rabbinical Court at Prague. Died childless in 1542.

GAON RABBI JUDAH YUDEL CARO
born in late 15th century

Head of Rabbinical Court at Glogau, Prussia (now Glogow, Poland). His father-in-law, the Chief Rabbi of Vienna, was the cousin of Rabbi Moses Isserles of Cracow who wrote the "Mapah," the sequel to Rabbi Joseph Caro's Talmudic code, the "Shulchan Aruch."

GAON RABBI JOSEPH CARO
born in 1488 at Toledo, Spain

The famous codifier of Talmudic law, author of the "Shulchan Aruch" and other works. Some of his manuscripts are in the Bodleian library at Oxford. Fled with his father in 1492 to Nicopolis, Bulgaria. Was Rabbi at Adrianople, Turkey in 1520, at Salonika in 1533. He then founded a cabbalistic academy at Safed, Palestine where he died in 1575. His tomb still stands there.

GAON RABBI JOSEPH CARO
born in 16th century

Head of Rabbinical Court of twenty Polish communities. His wife was a great-granddaughter of the Gaon Rabbi Yoel Bak who came to Poland as a refugee from Portugal, traced his lineage to King David.

GAON RABBI MEIR CARO
born in 16th century

Chief Rabbi of Musla community.

HIS DAUGHTER
early 16th century

Name unknown, married the son of Rabbi Isaac Luria, the great cabbalist. A branch of the Luria family migrated to Poland and had wide European ramifications.

RABBI JUDAH CARO
early 16th century

Was the Rabbi of several cities in various parts of Turkey.

RABBI LIPMAN CARO
early 17th century

Judge in Rabbinical Court at Glogau (Glogow, Poland).

GAON RABBI ISAAC SELIG CARO
early 17th century

Head of academy at Posen and chief of Rabbinical Court at Kalisz, Breslau, Sulz, Dessau and Hannover. Buried at Hannover.

RABBI CHAIM CARO
early 17th century

Chief Rabbi of Nikolsburg.

GAON RABBI YUDEL CARO
early 17th century

Chief Rabbi of Kalisz.

RABBI ISRAEL CARO
early 17th century

Chief Rabbi and head of Rabbinical Court at Zematur, Poland.

RABBI SOLOMON CARO
and his brother
RABBI MEIR CARO

Not much known about them, except that Rabbi Meir died as a very young man.

RABBI RAPHAEL CARO
late 17th century

Descendant of Rabbi Judah Caro.

GAON RABBI CHAIM CARO
born in late 17th century

Head of Rabbinical Court at Lencayca, Poland.

GAON RABBI ISRAEL CARO
born in late 17th century

Head of Rabbinical Court at Freustadt, Germany.

RABBI ABRAHAM CARO
early 18th century

Son of Rabbi Raphael. He was the Rabbi at Adrianople, Turkey.

GAON RABBI ARIE YEHUDA LEIB CARO
born in early 18th century

Known as "Leib Charif—the keen one." Head of Rabbinical Court at Krotossyn, Nachod (Lesla), and Inowroclaw, Poland. Lived at Inowroclaw from 1780 to 1797.

RABBI ELIEZER CARO
early 18th century

Head of Rabbinical Court at Chodies, Poland and teacher at academy in Posen.

RABBI SOLOMON CARO
early 18th century

Rabbi at Posen, Prussia, (now Poznan, Poland).

RABBI CHAIM CARO
early 18th century

Rabbi at Berlin, Germany.

RABBI LEIB CARO
born in 1740

One of his forbears (name unknown) moved to Poland, but there is a record of his descent from Rabbi Joseph Caro of Safed. Was Rabbi at Kleczew, Poland.

GAON RABBI JACOB CARO
born in 1748

Head of Rabbinical Court at Piotrkow, Margonin and at Zloczew where he died in 1831.

RABBI ISAAC SELIG CARO
late 18th century

Rabbi at Kulm and Nachod.

RABBI ZVI HIRSCH CARO
late 18th century

Judge in Rabbinical Court of community of Margonin.

RABBI SOLOMON CARO
late 18th century

Judge in Rabbinical Court at Graetz, near Posen.

RABBI AKIBA CARO
late 18th century

Judge in Rabbinical Court at Posen, now Poznan, Poland.

ROSA RACHEL CARO

Daughter of Rabbi Leib. Married Rabbi Meir Mielziner of Mielczyn, Poland who was born in 1760. Name derived from native city.

JOHEBED CARO

Daughter of Rabbi Leib. Married Rabbi Auerbach of Kleczew.

RABBI ABRAHAM CARO
early 19th century

In 1845 he published the writings of his grandfather, Rabbi Arie Yehuda Leib Caro. He also compiled the genealogy of the Caro family. This was printed, after his death, at Berlin in 1922. He was Rabbi at Krotoszyn and Pinne from 1864 to 1888 when he died.

RABBI ISAAC SELIG CARO
born in 1771

Judge in Rabbinical Court at Szepic and Zloczew. One of his wife's sisters married Mordecai Auerbach whose family was also descended from Rabbi Joseph Caro of Safed (see note under Rabbi Chaim Auerbach at right). Died in 1831.

RABBI BENJAMIN MIELZINER

Born in 1797 and died in 1849.

RABBI CHAIM AUERBACH

Author of "Dibre Mishpat," published in Krotoszyn, Poland in 1845. In his preface he states that his mother was a descendant of Rabbi Joseph Caro of Safed.

RABBI MOSES MIELZINER

One of seven children. Born near Posen in 1828. Was Rabbi and writer, emigrated to the United States. Was head of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati where he died in 1903. His son, Leo Mielziner, was a noted portrait painter. His grandson, Jo Mielziner, is a scenic designer for the theatre and lives in New York.

RABBI JOSEPH CHAIM CARO
born in 1805

Rabbi at Gnesen, at Pinne 1840-51, at Fordon 1851-60, at Wloclawek 1860-95 where he died.

RABBI NATHAN BARUCH CARO

Rabbi at Lipno, Poland.

RABBI JOSEPH CHAIM CARO

Chief Rabbi of Wloclawek, Poland.

ABRAHAM HIRSCH CARO
early 19th century

NATHAN BARUCH CARO
early 19th century

WOLF CARO
early 19th century

His daughter, Hannah, was the mother of Saul Silberberg (see quotation under Albert Abraham below), and of Abraham Silberberg who married Cecile Caro.

SIMCHA CARO

Born at Szepic in early 19th cent.

SOLOMON YEHUDA CARO

Born in early 19th century. Was a merchant at Thorn.

RABBI ISAAC SELIG CARO

Born in early 19th century. Was Rabbi at Thorn.

JACOB CARO

Born at Gnesen in 1836. Was professor of history at University of Breslau. Died in 1904.

ALBERT ABRAHAM CARO

Born at Pinne in 1842. Merchant at Lodz. Compiled family history in 1891 (manuscript at Hebrew Theological College, Skokie). Saul Silberberg of Chicago confirmed that his mother (born Hannah Caro, daughter of Wolf) told him that Albert Abraham, whom Saul knew in Lodz, was her first cousin.

RABBI EZEKIEL CARO

Born at Pinne in 1844. Was Ph. D. at University of Heidelberg. Was Rabbi at Lodz, Mewe (west Prussia), Dirschau, Erfurt, Pilsen and Lemberg. Died in 1895.

CHAIM CARO

Born at Gombin in 1835. Lived in Warsaw. Took part in 1863 insurrection against Russia. Was married to Hinda Schweitzer. He died at Warsaw in 1903. His wife died at Lodz in 1916.

ROSA CARO

Married Benjamin Trembacz, a painter of Lodz where she lived. Her whole family perished during the German occupation.

ALBERT CARO

Born at Warsaw in 1864. Was a sheet metal contractor in Lodz. Married Ernestine Reiner in 1899. Came to the United States in 1912. He died at Chicago in 1942 She died at Chicago in 1957.

DORA CARO

Married Raphael Hirsch of Lodz where she lived until Hitler captured the city. Died in the Warsaw ghetto in 1941. Her son, now known as Jozef Jelenski, lives in Lodz where he is a textile engineer.

FRANIA CARO

Married Herman Edelist, a jeweler of Lods where she lived. The whole family, except one son, perished during the Nazi occupation. The son, Georges Edelist, lives at Gericoult (near Rouen) France.

CECILE CARO

Married Abraham Silberberg, a locksmith of Lodz, brother of Saul Silberberg (see above under Wolf Caro). The whole family, except one daughter, perished during the Nazi occupation. The daughter, Helene, lives in Paris with her husband, Abel Kryceve and son Georges and daughter Cecile.

JOSEPH HENRY CARO

Born at Loda in 1901. Came to the United States as a child. Married Theresa DeLott at Chicago in 1923. Now lives at Highland Park, Ill.

DR. MARCUS RAYNER CARO*

Born at Loda in 1903. Came to the United States as a child. Married Adeline Cohen at Chicago in 1929. Now lives at Winnetka, Illinois.

STANLEY CARO

Born at Lodz in 1907. Came to the United States as a child. Married Betty Silverstein in 1957. Lives in Chicago.

HELEN ELIZABETH CARO

Born at Chicago in 1924. Married Stanford J. Reinisch in 1952. Now lives at Highland Park, Illinois.

HOWARD MARTIN CARO

Born at Chicago in 1929. Now lives in New York City.

DR. WILLIAM ALLAN CARO

Born at Chicago in 1934. Married Ruth Fruchtlander in 1959.

ETHEL ELINOR CARO

Born at Chicago in 1937. Married William H. Gofen in 1961.

DEBORAH BETH REINISCH

Born at Chicago in 1953.

LINDA CARO REINISCH

Born at Chicago in 1956.

*Deceased May 17, 1962

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